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SUBJECT: AIR TRAFFIC IN COLOMBIA BACK TO NORMAL

1. AIR TRAFFIC IN COLOMBIA RETURNED TO NORMAL OCT 23, 1975 FOLLOWING A PREVIOUS DAY OF DISRUPTION CASUED BY TWO WILDCAT STRIKES BY GROUND AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL PERSONNEL THROUGHOUT COLOMBIA. EL DORADO AIRPORT IN BOGOTA WAS PARTICULARLY DISRUPTED BETWEEN 2 PM AND MIDNIGHT.

SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS LANDED WITHOUT AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER ASSISTANCE. FORTUNATELY THE CLEAR SKIES PERMITTED THE PLANES TO LAND WITHOUT INCIDENT.

2. THE STRIKES WERE IN PART SYMPATHY STRIKES IN SUPPORT OF CIVIL AERONAUTICS DIRECTOR ALFONSO CAICEDO HERRERA, WHOSE LETTER OF RESIGNATION HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY PRESIDENT LOPEZ EARLIER IN THE DAY. CAICEDO HAD BEEN UNDER FIRE FROM BOTH ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS AND THE CONGRESS FOR TECHNICAL DECISION WHICH WERE ALLEGEDLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INFLUENCED BY HIS LEFTIST POLITICAL CONVICTIONS.

3. IN AN ATTEMPT TO ENSURE CONTINUED NORMAL AIRPORT OPERATIONS,
PRESIDENT LOPEZ HAS NAMED ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT OF SECURITY
(DAS) CHIEF, GENERAL JOSE JOAQUIN MATALLANA, AS ACTING HEAD OF
CIVIL AERONAUTICS.
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